

MIXTURES

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THE DEAN'S LETTER . . .

The Advent and Christmas seasons are finished. The concerts and cantatas have been performed, and all of the beautiful and inspiring seasonal services are behind us. Now it is a new year, with new challenges and new goals, and we fly through the Epiphany season on to Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday and Lent. Once again we are in a contemplative period that finally leads to rebirth.

It was a pleasure to read Fr. John Martinichio's message to us. Yes, it would be excellent to have a meeting or two given over to comment, conversation, and -- dare I say -- very mild controversy. I look forward to more of his writing.

Last weekend we had a very productive board meeting, where we made final certain aspects of our program year. Richard Sheasley is putting the final touches on the organ crawl to be held on Saturday, February 21. We will be visiting organs in some of Binghamton's R.C. churches and eating lunch at the Latin American Grill on Clinton Street.

I admonish everyone to do what so many people do. When the date of an event of interest is announced, mark it in your calendar immediately. You may or may not be able to attend, but at least you won't miss something because of forgetfulness or lack of awareness. No more admonitions -- but do take it to heart.

Also at our last board meeting, we began to discuss new officers for June 2009-2011. The ballot will be sent to you in April, to be returned in May, and installation will be June 14. Please, everyone give thought to this and recommend people for office or position. Or volunteer yourself for various positions by being willing to continue in certain slots or by willingness to contribute in other ways. I look forward to your calls.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, **Jan. 18 - 4 p.m.** Fundraising concert for restoration of historic tracker organ; David Jackson, guest organist.

Saturday, **Feb. 21** - Organ Crawl beginning 10 a.m., includes St. John The Evangelist, St. Cyril, and Holy Trinity. Lunch at The Latin American Grill. Bring music and organ shoes. RSVP Richard Sheasley 724-6062 or Sheasleyr@aol.com. (See flier for more details.).

Sunday, **Feb. 22 - 4 pm** Dedication of Wolff organ with all-Bach concert by Jonathan Biggers, Binghamton University, FA 21

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The Calendar - (continued from p 1)

Saturday, **Mar. 21 - 8 pm** Jonathan Biggers at First Presbyterian, Binghamton; this fourth concert in the all-Bach series will celebrate Bach's birthday.

Sunday, **Mar. 22, 4 pm** - *Romantic and Sacred Choral Works* by the Madrigal Choir at First Presbyterian, Binghamton; Jean Henssler and Margaret Reitz, pianists

Saturday, **Mar. 28 - 7:30 pm** Theater organ concert by Stephen Ball including Buster Keaton's silent film, *Seven Chances*

Sunday, **April 17** - Covered dish supper and workshop, *Building Your Choir*, led by Michael Lubie

4 pm Supper

5-7 pm Workshop



Post Christmas Dinner at Jonathan's: Laura Kennedy, Donna Frye, Bruce Wendling, Carolyn Blake, Paul Stapel, Polly Wendling, Jean Henssler, Janet Hammond

ORGAN CRAWL???

When is an organ crawl not an organ crawl?

Wikipedia, the free on-line encyclopedia, provides this definition:

"An **organ crawl** is a tour of the inner mechanisms of a pipe organ, involving the exploration of parts of the organ not generally accessible to the public, including the pipes, chests, and blowers."

And in the Duke Chapel Newsletter is this interesting description:

"The **organ crawl** is a favorite activity whenever a group of organists is gathered around a large electro-pneumatic organ. Donning jeans and sweatshirts, organists of all sizes and shapes attempt to squeeze into places that many of them should not. They explore pipes, chests, blowers, and other organ parts not normally seen by the listening public."

JOB OPENING

Organist needed for United Methodist Church. Call 724-4836 for information.

